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Dear Ms Simms

**ZC24/00999/LB | The repair and alteration of the roof areas throughout Swinton Park. Changes needed to allow more efficient discharge of rainwater from the roof areas and to amend lead bay sizes in accordance with good practice. | Swinton Park Hotel Swinton Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 4JH.**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, in this case Swinton Castle at Grade II\*. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The designed historic park and garden of Swinton Castle is a significant example of the 'rugged picturesque' incorporating extensive rockwork, grottoes, rustic bridges etc. It is a wild and dramatic landscape. The work to repair and alter the roof areas of Swinton Castle itself should have no impact on the registered park and garden and we offer no comments on the proposals. This does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the details.

Yours sincerely,

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Cc. Historic England; conservation@ the Gardens Trust